



Tips for Touring

Getting Started Learn of the sights and sounds in Yorktown by beginning your visit at York Hall, with our visitor friendly information area. Waiting to assist with planning your visit is a film, area brochures and walking maps, as well as an interactive map highlighting the many points of interest in the village of Yorktown.

Trolley Service During peak season, automobiles are not allowed in the historic village. However, the Yorktown Trolley takes visitors on a tour of the town to historical attractions, points of interest and to the waterfront. See the map for trolley stops. The trolley is free of charge and runs daily from Memorial Day - Labor Day and weekends only in the spring and fall.

Admission Tickets Tickets are required for entry into historic sites, museums, cruises and walking tours. Individual and combination tickets are available.

Touring After purchasing your tickets, enjoy the quaint historic village of Yorktown. Some museums and shops are closed on Monday and have limited hours on Sunday.

Riverwalk Landing Opening Spring 2005



Pardon our Mess While in Yorktown, take a peek at the work being done along the waterfront. When completed in spring 2005, Riverwalk Landing will include two piers - one for large cruise ships and tall ships, the other for personal watercraft, a performance area, fine seafood restaurant along with several retail shops. Please return to Yorktown next year for the grand opening celebration of Riverwalk Landing. Watch the development's progress on www.riverwalklanding.com

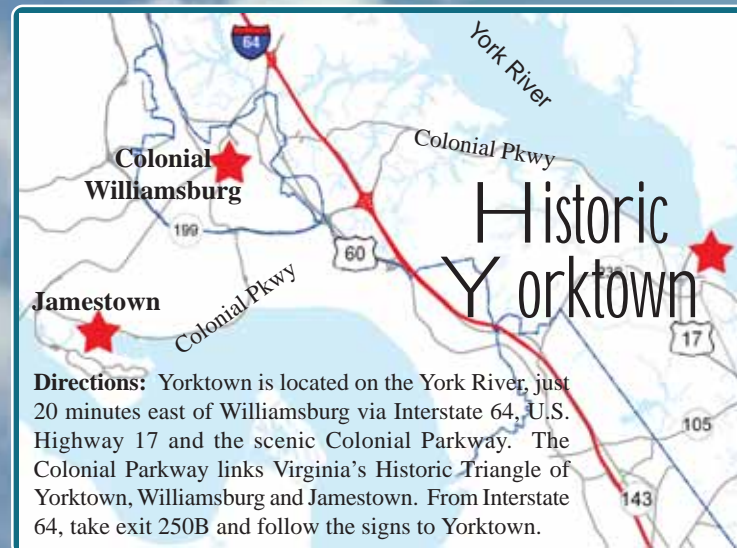


Historic Yorktown Map & Guide

Yorktown Virginia



Located on the Virginia Peninsula, just 12 miles from Williamsburg, 1 hour east of Richmond and 1 hour west of Virginia Beach.



Directions: Yorktown is located on the York River, just 20 minutes east of Williamsburg via Interstate 64, U.S. Highway 17 and the scenic Colonial Parkway. The Colonial Parkway links Virginia's Historic Triangle of Yorktown, Williamsburg and Jamestown. From Interstate 64, take exit 250B and follow the signs to Yorktown.

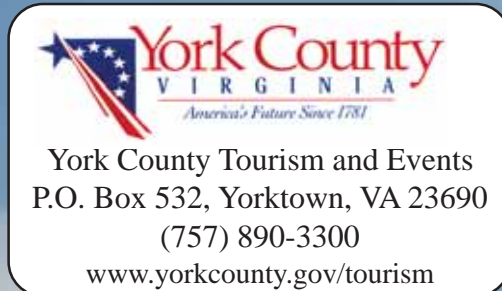
Seasonal Events:

Spring: National Park Service Civil War Weekend & TGIF begins at the Watermen's Museum.

Summer: Independence Day Celebration, Summer Concert Series, Performances by the Fifes and Drums of York Town, Watermen's Heritage Celebration and the Virginia Symphony Concert.

Fall: Yorktown Day Celebration and Historical Walking Tours.

Holiday: Foods and Feasts of Colonial Virginia and Yorktown Celebrates Christmas with a Holiday Tree Lighting, Boat Parade, a Christmas Homes Tour and A Colonial Christmas.



Information is subject to change without notice 2004 York County 75M

Come to Yorktown- Where Yesterday and Today Meet on Main Street.

Immerse yourself in 300 years of history and relax in a hotel or bed and breakfast nestled among the village streets and paths or overlooking the York River. Here you can experience 18th Century homes and revolutionary battlefields. Picturesque streets are the backdrop for art galleries, antique and specialty shops. Visit the museums offering hands on programs and exhibits. Stroll along the scenic riverwalk and relax on the sandy beach at river's edge. Take a ride on our free trolley then march to the beat of the Fifes and Drums during one of its performances. After working up an appetite, dine at one of our charming restaurants, most with a view of the York River.

To add to the charm, enjoy a narrated river cruise during the day and when the sun goes down, don't miss the candlelight walking tour - complete with tales of ghosts said to haunt the village. In Yorktown, there's something for everyone.



The York River and the surrounding terrain have guaranteed Yorktown a prominent role in historic events. Yorktown is most remembered as the site where Lord Cornwallis surrendered to General George Washington, bringing an end to the last major battle of the American Revolutionary War. But even before the struggle for independence, the town was a bustling and prosperous eighteenth-century seaport, having been established by the 1691 Act of Ports. Yorktown also witnessed major Civil War activity. Its fortifications held off a Union army attack during the Peninsula campaign in 1862.

Yorktown Village is now home to over 200 people.



Today, historic Yorktown is the seat of the County's government, a position it has maintained since 1634.

The concluding battle of the Revolutionary War ended October 19, 1781, in Yorktown. Lord Cornwallis and his men surrendered to General Washington. To commemorate the important Allied Victory over the British, the Continental Congress on October 29, 1781, authorized the Yorktown Victory Monument. Construction began a century later with completion in 1884.

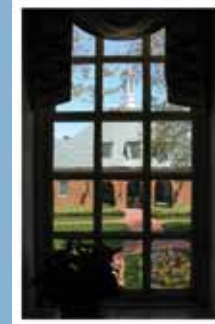
Lady Liberty, a younger sister to the Statue of Liberty, exquisitely tops a slender pedestal of Maine granite. In 1956, replacement of the original figure of liberty, damaged by lightning, took place.

The monument is 98 feet tall.

Yorktown Victory Monument



Moore House



York Hall



Grace Church

A Revolutionary Riverfront Treasure

Museums and Historical Sites

- 1 Cornwallis' Cave
- 2 Moore House
- 3 Nelson House
- 4 Poor Potter Archaeological Site
- 5 Yorktown Battlefield Visitor Center
- 6 Yorktown Victory Monument
- 7 Customhouse
- 8 Grace Episcopal Church
- 9 Watermen's Museum
- 10 York County Historical Museum
- 11 Yorktown Victory Center

York River Cruises

- 12 Miss Yorktown and Sea Spray
- 13 Yorktown Hauntings Cruise
- 14 Yorktown Lady

Shopping Gifts and Mementos

- 15 Customhouse Gift Shop
- 16 Grace Church Book and Gift Shop
- 17 Watermen's Museum Gift Shop
- 18 Yorktown Battlefield Visitor Center Museum Store
- 19 Yorktown Shoppe
- 20 Yorktown Victory Center Gift Shop

Arts, Antiques and Reproductions

- 21 Black Dog Gallery
- 22 Gin Tail Antiques
- 23 Nancy Thomas Gallery
- 24 Period Designs
- 25 Redcoat Antiques
- 26 Swan Tavern Antiques
- 27 The Gallery at York Hall
- 28 Viccellio Goldsmith



Yorktown Moonlight & Mysteries Tour



Colonial National Historical Park

Welcome to Historic Yorktown

Where American Independence Was Won

Tours

- 29 Battlefield Driving Tour
- 30 Town Tour
- 31 Yorktown Moonlight and Mysteries Tour

Dining

- 32 Carrot Tree in the Cole Digges House
- 33 Duke of York River Room
- 34 Waterstreet Landing
- 35 Yorktown Pub

Lodging

- 36 Duke of York Motor Hotel
- 37 Marl Inn Bed and Breakfast
- 38 The Moss Guest Cottage
- 39 York River Inn Bed and Breakfast

Visitor Services

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Yorktown Victory Center



Yorktown Lady



Watermen's Museum



1 CORNWALLIS' CAVE (757) 898-2410 While legend places Cornwallis' headquarters here, he was actually located in a bunker near Tobacco Road. www.nps.gov/colo

2 MOORE HOUSE (757) 898-2410 Site of negotiations, which led to the British surrender at Yorktown on October 19, 1781. Seasonal www.nps.gov/colo

3 NELSON HOUSE (757) 898-2410 Restored mansion of Thomas Nelson Jr., a signer of the Declaration of Independence, Governor of Virginia, and commander of the Virginia Militia during the Siege of Yorktown. Open daily 1 to 4:30 pm, extended seasonal hours. www.nps.gov/colo

4 POOR POTTER ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE (757) 898-2410 William Rogers, described as a "poor potter" by Royal Governor William Gooch in 1732, actually operated a large scale pottery here in violation of English trade laws. Remains of the factory, which operated from 1720-1745, were uncovered in 1970. www.nps.gov/colo

5 YORKTOWN BATTLEFIELD VISITOR CENTER (757) 898-2410 Explore the fields, fortifications and historic buildings where American independence was won. Tours of the battlefield and historic town leave from the Visitor Center daily. Open daily 9 am to 5 pm www.nps.gov/colo

6 YORKTOWN VICTORY MONUMENT (757) 898-2410 Commissioned by the Continental Congress in 1781 to commemorate the great victory at Yorktown, this monument was constructed between 1881 and 1884. www.nps.gov/colo

7 CUSTOMHOUSE (757) 258-0519 The historic 1720s Custom House was built by Richard Ambler, the collector of customs for the crown. It is believed to be the oldest Custom House in the country and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and owned by the Comte de Grasse Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Open Sundays from 1:30 to 4 pm. Special tours can be arranged. Garden is also available for weddings and receptions. Seasonal

8 GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH (757) 898-3261 300-year old Episcopal Church survived 1781 and 1862 sieges and "great fire" of 1814. Services are Sunday at 7:50 am, 9:05 am, 11:15 am and Wednesday at 10 am. www.gracechurchyorktown.com

9 WATERMEN'S MUSEUM (757) 887-2641 Tells the story of "Wooden Boats and Iron Men." Boat models, photos, tools and artifacts of the men who harvest the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. Open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm; Sunday from 1 to 4 pm. www.watermens.org

10 YORK COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM (757) 890-4490 Spanning the centuries of York County history. The Chiskiack Watch Archaeological collection covers our past from Native Americans to 1989 when the dig began. The museum also includes exhibits of devastating storms that hit our County, celebrations and more. Seasonal www.yorkcounty.gov/yghm

11 YORKTOWN VICTORY CENTER (757) 253-4838 The American Revolution, from beginnings of colonial unrest to the formation of a new nation, is chronicled through timeline, exhibits, film and outdoor living history in a re-created Continental Army camp and 1780s farm. Open daily from 9 am to 5 pm. Extended seasonal hours. www.historyisfun.org

12 MISS YORKTOWN and SEA SPRAY (757) 879-8276 or (804) 693-8276 Enjoy daily fishing trips or private charters on the York River and Chesapeake Bay. Rods, reels, bait and tackle included. No license required. Departs from the Watermen's Museum. (May-October) www.yorktowncruises.com

13 YORKTOWN HAUNTINGS CRUISE (757) 229-6244 or (800) 378-1571 Bring to life the haunting tales of the York River's murky past during a cruise aboard the Yorktown Lady. Then push aside the cobwebs and discover what lurks in the shadows of Yorktown on a guided candlelight walking tour. This family-friendly tour offers a haunted and historic journey through the past with tales of Lord Cornwallis, British Soldiers and unexplained occurrences. Call for a schedule. www.yorktownhauntingscruise.com

14 YORKTOWN LADY (757) 229-6244 Relive the siege of Yorktown during a narrated cruise on the beautiful York River. Enjoy a relaxing sunset cruise while observing eagles, osprey, and porpoise in their natural home. Concessions and ABC licensed bar available. Private charters are also available. Departs from the Watermen's Museum. www.yorktowncruises.com

15 CUSTOMHOUSE GIFT SHOP (757) 258-0519 Features books, note cards, Christmas ornaments, prints of the Custom House and a Custom House replica. Open Sundays from 1:30 to 4 pm.

16 GRACE CHURCH BOOK AND GIFT SHOP (757) 898-3261 Literature, jewelry, selected gifts and cards. Open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 am to 2 pm; Sunday from 10:15 to 11:15 am. www.gracechurchyorktown.com

17 WATERMEN'S MUSEUM GIFT SHOP (757) 888-2623 Variety of nautical items and work by 78 local artists. Featured items include boat reproductions, solar wind chimes, Yorktown Victory Monument Afghan and the Yorktown Tea Towel. Open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm; Sunday from 1 to 4 pm. www.watermens.org

18 YORKTOWN BATTLEFIELD VISITOR CENTER MUSEUM STORE (757) 898-2410 Features Revolutionary War and colonial history books, videos, toys, auto tour tapes, Jamestown glass and pottery. Open daily from 9 am to 5 pm. www.nps.gov/colo

19 YORKTOWN SHOPPE (757) 898-2984 Unusual gifts. Pewter, lanterns, wrought iron, carvings, special clothing, primitive paintings, replica and whimsical houses, old world Santas and balance toys. Open Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm; Sunday from 1 to 5 pm. www.yorktownshoppe.com

20 YORKTOWN VICTORY CENTER GIFT SHOP (757) 888-6537 18th-century reproductions, Americana items, books, educational toys and souvenirs related to the Revolutionary War era. Open daily 9 am to 5 pm. Extended seasonal hours. www.shophistoryisfun.com

21 BLACK DOG GALLERY (757) 898-1700 Workshop assembles archival quality framing for Period Designs and by appointment.

22 GIN TAIL ANTIQUES (757) 890-1335 A gallery of Americana, early furniture, folk art, stoneware and selected treasures. Open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm; Sunday from 12 to 4 pm; and Monday/Tuesday by appointment.

23 NANCY THOMAS GALLERY (757) 898-0738 Originals and reproductions of the work of nationally-known local artist Nancy Thomas, as well as antiques, decorative accessories, gifts, clothing and jewelry. Open Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm; Sunday from 1 to 5 pm. www.nancythomas.com

24 PERIOD DESIGNS (757) 886-9482 Ceramics, glass, prints, floor coverings, and museum-quality framing. Exceptional home furnishings by artisans working on 17th and 18th century traditions. Open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm; Sunday from 1 to 5 pm. www.perioddesigns.com

25 REDCOAT ANTIQUES (757) 890-1409 Unusual gifts covering 3,000 years are to be found here as well as a fine range of 17th, 18th, and 19th century furniture, silver and all paintings. Waterford lighting at heavily discounted prices also available. Open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm; Sunday from 1 to 5 pm.

26 SWAN TAVERN ANTIQUES (757) 898-3033 A fine collection of 18th century English furniture and accessories displayed in an 18th century style setting. Open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm; Sunday from 12:30 to 5 pm.

27 THE GALLERY AT YORK HALL (757) 890-4490 Art Gallery with a variety of themed exhibits which change every six to eight weeks. Exhibits feature the works of local artists for exhibit and sale. Open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm; Sunday from 1 to 4 pm. www.yorkcounty.gov/cyc

28 VICCELLIO GOLDSMITH (757) 890-2162 J. Henry Viccellio III, master goldsmith and precious metals craftsman, offers a line of custom jewelry, estate jewelry and creations based on customer desires. Open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:30 am to 5 pm.

29 BATTLEFIELD DRIVING TOUR A seven-mile drive marked with informational signs, cannons and fortifications provides a chronological look at the final major battle of the American Revolution. Narrative audio tour available at the Yorktown Battlefield Visitor Center for rent or purchase. www.nps.gov/colo

30 TOWN TOUR Departing from the Yorktown Battlefield Visitor Center, this half-mile walking trail takes you through historic Yorktown. Signs and markers highlight the buildings and people of a long-vanished era. www.nps.gov/colo

31 YORKTOWN MOONLIGHT & MYSTERIES TOUR 888-474-4788 Climb aboard a custom coach for a mysterious ride along the Yorktown Riverfront, visiting Cornwallis' Cave, Yorktown and haunted battlefields. Then experience a candlelit tour of the past with historical lore, legends and spooky tales based on the writings of L.B. Taylor Jr. May 28 through August 31, 8 pm nightly; September through October, Saturdays only at 7 pm. Tours operate rain or shine. www.theghosttour.com

32 CARROT TREE IN THE COLE DIGGES HOUSE (757) 246-9559 Serving lunch daily in Yorktown's oldest home, the Cole Digges House (circa 1720). All dishes prepared from scratch, including fresh-baked breads and desserts. Box lunches/takeout also available. www.carrottree.com

33 DUKE OF YORK RIVER ROOM (757) 898-5270 Dine overlooking the York River. Delightful fare and a friendly staff. Breakfast and lunch, all non-smoking, major credit cards accepted. www.dukeofyorkmotel.com

34 WATERSTREET LANDING (757) 886-5890 Family dining with a view of the river from every seat. Specialty sandwiches, gourmet pizza, fresh seafood, steak, ice cream, and homemade desserts. Full bar with local beer and wine. Lunch and dinner overlooking the York River.

35 YORKTOWN PUB (757) 886-9964 Full pub menu including fresh seafood. Live entertainment on weekends. Lunch and dinner overlooking the York River. Cash and Travelers Checks only. www.yorktownpub.com

36 DUKE OF YORK MOTOR HOTEL (757) 898-3232 After a day of touring historic Yorktown, relax in one of our rooms overlooking the York River and beach. Doubles, queens, kings and Jacuzzi rooms are available. Pool and restaurant on premises. www.dukeofyorkmotel.com

37 MARL INN BED & BREAKFAST (757) 898-3859 or 1(800) 799-6207 Three suites and one bedroom/bath for individuals, couples or families. Beautiful setting. Bicycles available for touring. Rooms include a full delicious breakfast. Available for family reunions, small weddings and parties. www.marlinnbandb.com

38 THE MOSS GUEST COTTAGE (757) 229-5606 One bedroom cottage with colonial charm. Walk to historic attractions, restaurants, shops, galleries and the waterfront. A favorite for couples celebrating a special occasion. www.mossguestcottage.com

39 YORK RIVER INN BED & BREAKFAST (757) 887-8800 or 1(800) 884-7003 Located on a high bluff overlooking the York River, the inn has three antique-filled guestrooms, exceptional amenities, and sumptuous breakfasts making an overnight visit a memorable experience. www.yorkriverinn.com

Visit Yorktown on the web:

www.yorkcounty.gov/tourism